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CREASE 2: to make worse, more serious, or more severe; intentionally unpleasantly (problems have been *aggravated* by neglect) 3: a: to subject to displeasure or anger by use, persistent and often petty b: to produce inflammation in *syn* see INTENSIFY

**usage** Although *aggravate* has been used in sense 3a since the 17th century, it has been the object of disapproval only since about 1870. It is used in expository prose (declining to participate directly in the b 1925) but seems to be more common in speech — W. F. Buckley Holmes 1935 (letter to Sir Frederick Pollock, 1893) (times when we get *aggravated* and displeased, for instance, with the French — Jimmy Carter (press conference, 1980)) Sense 2 is far more common than sense 3a in published prose. Such is not the case, however, with *aggravation* and *aggravating*. *Aggravation* is used in sense 3 somewhat more than in its earlier senses; *aggravating* has practically no use other than to express annoyance.

**aggravated assault** *n* (1925) : an assault that is more serious than a common assault; as a: an assault combined with an intent to commit a crime b: any of various assaults so defined by statute

**ag-gra-vat-ing** *adj* (1775) : arousing displeasure, impatience, or anger

**ag-gra-vate** *AGGRAVATE*

**ag-gra-vation** *ag-grə-ˈvā-shən* *n* (1615) 1: the act, action, or result of aggravating; esp.: an increase in seriousness or severity 2: an act or circumstance that intensifies or makes worse 3: IRRITATION, PROVOCATION

**ag-gre-gate** *ag-gre-ˈgāt* *adj* [ME *aggregat*, fr. L *aggregatus*, pp. of *ag-gregare* to add to, to add + *greg-*, *greg* flock — more at *gregarius*] 1: formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount: COLLECTIVE 2: a (1) clustered in a dense mass or head (as sand, gravel, or slag) used for mixing with a cementing material to form concrete, mortar, or plaster c: a clustered mass of individual soil particles varied in shape, ranging in size from a microscopic grain to a small crumb, and considered the basic structural unit of soil 4: *det* 21 — in the aggregate considered the basic structural unit (the dividends for the year amounted in the aggregate to 25 dollars)

**ag-gre-gation** *ag-gri-ˈgā-shən* *n* (1547) 1: a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts or individuals (as animals) 2: the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole 3: the condition of being so collected

**ag-gre-ga-tion-al** *ag-gre-ˈgā-ti-ən-əl*, *-shən-əl* *adj* 1: tending to aggregate 2: of or relating to an aggregate

**ag-gre-sive** *ag-gres-ˈiv* *adj* (1714) : to commit aggression; act aggressively always ~ing against their keepers — H. J. Mattick

**ag-gre-sive-ly** *ag-gresh-ən-lē* [L *aggressus*, pp. of *ag-gredi* to attack, fr. *ad-* to step; go — more at *GRADE*] *adv* 1: in a forceful action or manner 2: the practice of making attacks or encroachments; to dominate or violate by one country of the territorial integrity of another 3: hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior or outlook esp. as used by frustration

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